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LETTER DATED 21 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you of current developments in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

In spite of the efforts made by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) to achieve a political settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, the Armenian side continues to commit acts of aggression against Azerbaijan. After the recent visit to the region by Mr. Rafaelli, Chairman of the Minsk Conference, in which practical aspects of the implementation of the schedule of urgent measures proposed by the Minsk Group were clarified, the Armenian side yet again has violated the agreements that have been reached.

On 21 July, at 0700 hours local time, Armenian artillery, firing from three directions, began a concentrated rocket artillery shelling of the city of Agdam and its suburbs. At 0800 hours, Armenian troops, having completed artillery preparation, mounted a large-scale offensive against Agdam. By 1230 hours, they had succeeded in capturing Agdam's southern suburbs of Muganly and Shykhbalaly. Using heavy weapons, the Armenian troops are carrying out a further advance on Akhmedavar and Marzily, settlements in close proximity to Agdam.

These facts are unmistakable proof of Armenia's intention to continue the aggression against Azerbaijan. At the same time, without any validity, it declares its willing commitment to a peaceful settlement of the conflict and its support of Security Council resolution 822 (1993).

The Azerbaijani side repeats its conviction that unless the international community, through the United Nations, condemns the invasive actions of Armenia, the latter will continue with impunity its aggression against Azerbaijan, thereby violating international peace and security in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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